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The Story Thus Far

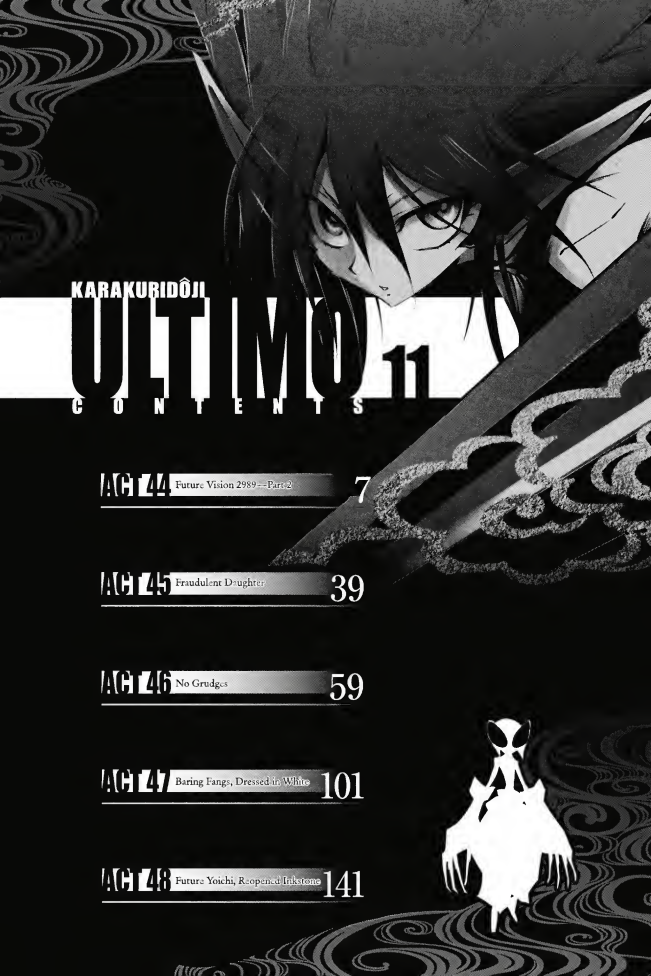
Characters



Kyoto in the 12th Century. A bandit named Yamato encounters a mysterious man named Dunstan and two Karakuri Dôji who embody ultimate good and evil.

West Tokyo in the 21st Century. Yamato is reborn and reencounters the good dôji Ultimo, leading to the Hundred Machine Funeral—the ultimate battle between good and evil that Dunstan has been plotting. At last, the true Hundred Machine Funeral begins. In place of fallen comrades, Sayama and the other three girls join the fight. In order to save Ume from injuries sustained during a clash with Vice, the Club of Good Dôji flies into the past. Will Yamato find what he needs in postwar Japan?





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ACT 44 FUTURE VISION 2989—PART 2





**WHY ARE
ALL THE
EVIL DÔJI
ON MY
SIDE?!!**

VICE
TOO?

BUT...

...IS THIS
THE FUTURE
OR WHAT?!

ACT 44
FUTURE VISION 2989—PART 2





DON'T YOU
MEAN HE
TRIED TO
HELP?

MESSED
WITH?

YOU DON'T
RECOGNIZE
ME CUZ
I GOT
BIGGER!



THANKS
FOR THE
HELP IN
POSTWAR
JAPAN!
WE'VE
BEEN
WAITIN'
FOR YA!

I'M HANA
KOGANEI (12)
AND THIS'S
MS. SUMAKO
(34)!





**V
B
F
D**

!!!

**VICE
BACK
FROM
THE
DARK
!!!**

**...
LIMBERING
UP!!!**

DOOM





...
KILL
'EM
ALL
!!!

LET'S
...

AGOOOOM



GYA
HA
HA
HA
HA
!



...BUT I
JOINED
THEM!



NO,
WAIT.

MAYBE
THEY
DIDN'T
JOIN
ME...



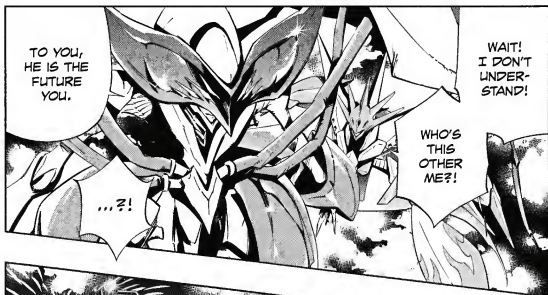
HE'D
MAKE A
VALUABLE
ALLY.

VICE HAS
EVOLVED.

BUT K'S
GROSS...







TO YOU,
HE IS THE
FUTURE
YOU.

WAIT!
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND!

WHO'S
THIS
OTHER
ME?!

...?!



THAT WAS
BEGINNING
YAMATO'S
IDEA...

...AFTER
REALIZING
PEOPLE ARE
NEITHER
GOOD NOR
EVIL.

TO DEFEAT
DUNSTAN,
YOU TRIED TO
JOIN GOOD
AND EVIL.

BOOM

WHOOOM

BABABABABABOOM



GOOD
MAY FALL
TO EVIL
AND EVIL
TO GOOD.

PEOPLE
TOTTER
ALONG A
THIN LINE
BETWEEN
THE TWO.

WHAT'S
IMPORTANT IS
BALANCE.



I SUPPOSE
THAT WAS
BEST...

...BECAUSE IT
LED US TO
THE FINAL
BATTLE.

EVENTUALLY,
YOU SUCCEEDED
IN INTEGRATING
THE TWO.

...

...HAS
ADVANCED
ONE STEP
FURTHER.

THE
BALANCE
CRUMBLED
ONCE...

...BUT THE
PLAN...

WAIT.

THEN WHY
BRING ME
HERE?

...

...OR
THIS
SECOND
BATTLE
WILL
ALSO
FAIL.

I
MEAN...

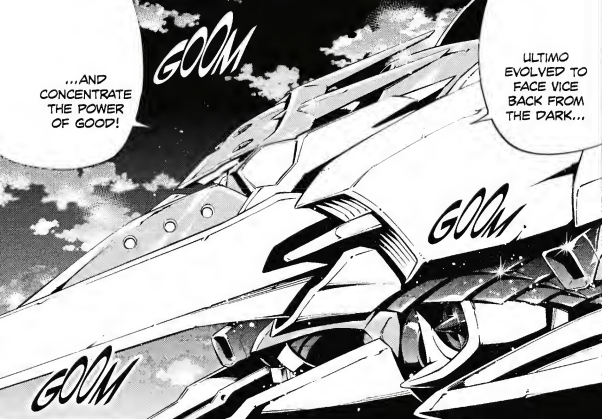
...YOU DON'T
WANT TO
DISTURB THE
FUTURE...



HOW
PERCEPTIVE
OF YOU,
HOPEFUL
YAMATO!

!





...AND
CONCENTRATE
THE POWER
OF GOOD!

ULTIMO
EVOLVED TO
FACE VICE
BACK FROM
THE DARK...

GOOM

GOOM

GOOM



SORRY
I'M LATE.



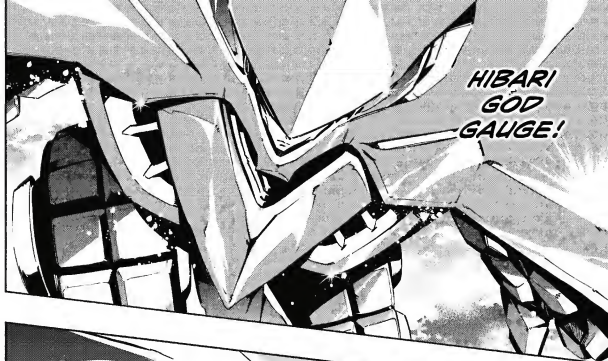
IT TOOK A
WHILE TO
GATHER
EVERYONE.

GLINT

...
ASSEMBLE!

**GOOD
DÔJI...**





HIBARI
GOD
GAUGE!



AKITSU
GOD
SLOW!



KIYOSE
GOD
PARDONNER!

**YOICHI
GOD
SERVICE!**

**COMBINE
!!!**

**MUSASHI
GOD
SOPHIA!**



GUE

TD!!!

**GOD
ULTIMO
FRONTAL
TILL
DAWN!!!**

**THE
PERFECT
FORM!!!**

KAKA KAK O.OON







...MAKOTO
SAYAMA
DUNSTAN.

HER
NAME
IS...



KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO



...AND
SHE'S
DUNSTAN'S
LAST
DEFENSE.

SHE'S
COMING...

ACT 45 FRAUDULENT DAUGHTER



ACT 45

FRAUDULENT DAUGHTER



...
MAKOTO
SAYAMA
DUNSTAN.

HER
NAME
IS...



SAYAMA?!!

...
TRICKING
ME THIS
WHOLE
TIME?!

WAS
SHE...

NO WAY!
WHY DIDN'T
SHE TELL
ME?!

SHE'S
DUNSTAN'S
DAUGHTER?



SORRY.

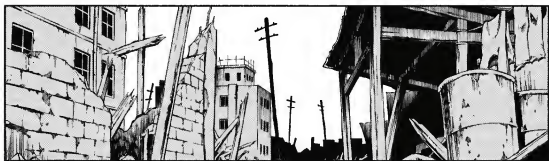
JUST
FORGET
IT EVER
HAPPENED.



YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT!

I MUST
PROTECT
SOMETHING
WITH REGULA'S
MEMORY
MANIPULATION.

!







WE MAKIN'
THIS TYKE
ONE OF US
OR NOT?

...

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
YAMATO?

HOW
LONG
ARE YOU
GOING
TO STOP
TIME?

HUNH?



YES...

...BUT
NOT
JUST
YET.

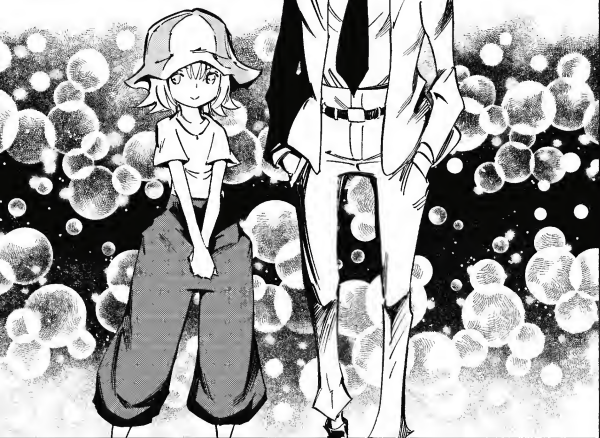
YAMATO...





BUT I ALSO
WANTED A
NIGHT OUT
DRINKING.

WE'VE
BEEN
LOOKING
FOR YOU.



I SEE
NOW...

THANK
YOU FOR
TELLING
ME,
YAMATO.

CLINK

I WANT
TO SEE THE
SHOWA-ERA
STREETS.

SHALL WE
TRY ONE OF
THE LOCAL
BARS?

OLDIE!
AND
SERVICE!







THERE IS
NEITHER
GOOD
NOR EVIL.

I AGREE WITH
YOU WHOLE-
HEARTEDLY.

GOOD AND
EVIL ARE
DIFFERENT
FOR EACH
PERSON.

AND ONE
PERSON MAY DO
A 180-DEGREE
TURN DEPENDING
ON THE
SITUATION.

SO
HERE'S
WHAT I
THINK...

CABARET



...

SHADOW?



I HEARD
YOU ALMOST
RECRUITED
THAT EVIL
CHILD TODAY.

YES.



EVERYONE
IS MERELY
STRUGGLING
TO SURVIVE.

IF THE SHADOW
OVER MAKOTO IS
GUILT OVER HER
PARENTAGE...

...THEN THIS
IS HARDEST
FOR HER.

I'M SO
ASHAMED
OF MYSELF!

ARGH!

WHISH

I SHOULD
HAVE
BELIEVED
IN HER!

... I
COULDN'T
WIN HER
OVER IN
THE
FUTURE!

THIS IS
WHY...



...SO I'LL
TEACH HIM A
LESSON IN
REALITY.

BUT HE'S
MESSIN' WITH
HANA...





KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

HE'S SO
GREEN
I COULD
WEEP.

HEH...

WHAT AN
AMATEUR.

ACT 46 NO GRUDGES



...SO I'LL
TEACH HIM A
LESSON IN
REALITY.

BUT HE'S
MESSIN'
WITH HANA
...

ACT 46
NO GRUDGES





...AND
MASTER OF
THE EVIL
D&J...

...
KNOWN
AS
RAGE.

I'M CHIEF
MUSIC
PRODUCER
FOR SONEY
MUSIC...

FWIP

LIKE MY
DUDS?

IN MY
BIZNESS,
YOU GOTTA
RADIATE
PERSONALITY.

THE
MACARTHUR
STYLE
SUGGESTS
AUTHORITY.





DID THE
NEWS ABOUT
MAKOTO
SAYAMA
SHOCK YOU?

SHUT
UP!
AND I
DON'T
WANT
YOUR
CARD!

I'M IN A
HURRY,
SO WE'LL
TALK
LATER!



IT'S
POWERFUL
AND
RESONANT.
AND YOU'RE
TALL.

YOU
COULD
BE A
LEAD
SINGER.

YOU HAVE
A GOOD
VOICE.





...SO IDEALS
DON'T MEAN
DIDDLY TO
CHICKS.

BUT THE
REAL WORLD
IS ABOUT
MOOLAH...



...ARE
LIARS.

WOMEN...



...CALLING
SAYAMA A
LIAR?

ARE
YOU...



...HOW
CASUALLY
CHICKS WILL
TRICK MEN.

IT'S
FRIGHTENING
...



AT LEAST
THE GIRLS
I PRODUCE
ARE THAT
WAY.

...



IT'S
COMMON
KNOW-
LEDGE.

AND THE
FACT IS SHE
CHEATED
YOU.

SHE
MUST'VE
HAD
REASONS,
YOU SAY?

WELL, FACTS
IS FACTS.
NOTHING CAN
EXCUSE HER
NATURE.



...DARE
YOU...

HOW...



DON'T
SAY THAT
ABOUT
MY
SAYAMA
!!!

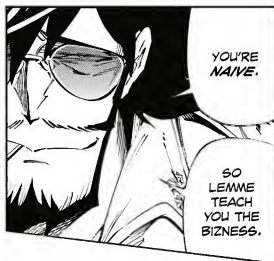


CHILL.
SHE AIN'T
YOURS.
AND I'M
STILL
TALKIN'.

*SO
WHERE
DO I
SIGN
UP?*

I HEAR
YOU WANT
GOOD AND
EVIL TO
JOIN...

?!





I LIVE FOR
MYSELF,
SO I AIN'T
NEITHER
SIDE'S
GROUPIE.

TRUST
ME.



...BUT
THIS
GUY...

I WANT TO
JOIN GOOD
AND EVIL
TO DEFEAT
DUNSTAN...



YEAH, ULTI.
I KNOW.

YAMATO
...



...IRRITATES
THE HECK OUT
OF ME!!!



THE
POINT
IS...
WHADDO
I DO?!!

IT'S
CRAZY TO
TRUST HIM,
BUT IF I
DON'T...

...IT'LL
BE JUST
LIKE WITH
SAYAMA.



...I
ALMOST
HAVE
HIM!!!



BECAUSE



FUSATARO

SORRY.
GIMME
A SEC.
RAGE.

*I'VE RECONCILED
MYSELF TO THE
MODEST COMFORT
OF MY STATION;
SO MY DREAMS
AREN'T THAT
GRAND.*

*I DEBUTED AS
THE VOCALIST
OF A HUMBLE
BAND. THE
GROUP BROKE
UP ON THE
CUSP OF A
LITTLE
POPULARITY
AND I'VE BEEN
CLINGING TO
THE INDUSTRY
EVER SINCE.*

*ALL I CARE
ABOUT IS
ANGER AT
THE WORLD
AND GETTING
REVENGE.*

*I DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
GOOD
AND
EVIL.*



Afroditte's first album: *Dinamite Burn!* (1989) No longer available.

THAT
ISN'T ART-
IT'S BUSINESS
DESIGNED TO
SECURE THE
GREATEST
MARKET SHARE
OF FOOLISH
CONSUMERS!

DO MASTERFUL
COMPOSITIONS
SELL? NO WAY!
WHAT SELLS
IS MELODIC
CLICHÉS THAT
ARE EASY
TO ENJOY-
LIKE CANDY!

MOST
PEOPLE
DON'T
LISTEN TO
MUSIC-
THEY
LISTEN
TO THE
ARTISTS
PUSHED
BY MUSIC
EXECS.
IT'S PURE
FLUFF!

BECAUSE
BIG SHOTS
DECIDE
WHAT'S
POPULAR
IN THIS
INDUSTRY.



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...BUT IF
THERE'S
NO ROOM
LEFT FOR
TRUE MUSIC,
THEN YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND
WHY I'M
DISGRUNTLED.

I CAN'T
BRAG
ABOUT
MY OWN
MUSIC...

FOOLS
ARE FOOLS,
SO IT'S EASY
FOR SMART
PEOPLE TO
TRICK THEM.
SAY "THIS IS
SELLING!"

WHAT
SUCKS IS
THAT ONLY
MUSIC FOR
FOOLS CAN
MAKE IT
ANYMORE!

AND
"EVERYONE'S
LISTENING TO
IT!" AND
"FANS'LL
SHELL OUT."



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THUS,
I WILL
HAVE MY
REVENGE
UPON
THEM.

...WHICH IS
PROBABLY
WHY RAGE
CAME TO ME.

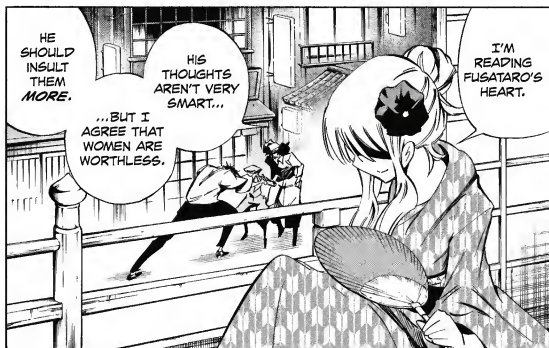
I'M ANGRY
AT THOSE
FOOLS...





...INTO
THINKING I'M
THE WORLD'S
BEST MUSIC
PRODUCER!!!

I WILL
FOOL
THEM...





...SHOULDN'T
WE INTERVENE?

BUT
OFFICER
RUNE...



...YAMATO
SHOULD USE
HIS HEAD
SOMETIMES.

NO...





SO DON'T
COME
CRYING
TO ME
LATER!!!





BUT
WE'RE
IN THE
PAST!

THIS DÔJI
BATTLE
IS ON!

WE
DON'T
WANNA
STAND
OUT,
SO NO
ICONS
!!!



FINE
BY
ME!



THAT MAY
NOT BE
TRUE,
MASTER
...

!



AGAINST
SPACE-TIME
MANIPULA-
TION...

...FUSATARO'S
ELECTRICAL
SPEED IS AT
A DISADVAN-
TAGE!

GAH!
THEY'RE
BOTH
IDIOTS!!

CHAK







SPARE
ME YOUR
NONSENSE!
IT IRRITATES
ME!!!



LET ME USE
SPACE-TIME
MANIPULA-
TION!

YAMATO-
SAMA! HE'S
STRONGER!



HE
HAS TO
ADMIT
DEFEAT!

I KNOW
IT HURTS,
BUT HANG
IN THERE!



NO,
ULTIMO!

THEN WE
WON'T
REALLY
WIN!

BUT
SPEED
HAS
PHYSICAL
LIMITS!

HMPH!

AFTER
ALL,
WE'RE
FASTER!

THERE
MUST
BE A
WAY TO
WIN!

AND
NOW I'M
TICKED.

AND THAT
GIVES ME
A BONUS.

CRACK

POOSH





GYAAAH..

RAGING THUNDER!!!



SO
DIE!



I AIN'T
WAITIN'
FOR YOU
TO GET
UP.

DO YOU
PUNKS...

...TAKE
ME FOR
SOME
KINDA
WUSS?

ULTI CAN
STILL
FIGHT...

NO, IT'S
OKAY...

I HIT
WHEN
YOU'RE
DOWN...

...BECAUSE
I'M EVIL.





YOU EVIL
DŌJI
ALWAYS
SLIP YOUR
LEASH.

AW,
MAN...



NOW WE'LL
NEVER BE
BROS...

...BUT THAT'S
REALITY.



ULTI...



YOU TICK
ME OFF...

...WITH ALL
THAT WEAK
BLATHERING!



ULTIMO!!!

YOU'RE
TOO
CARING...



...AND A
MERE
HUMAN
CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
ANYWAY!



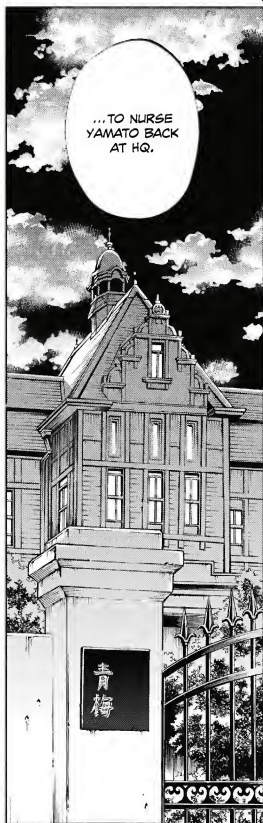


DIRECT
ATTACKS
ON MASTERS
ARE AGAINST
THE RULES.











KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

ACT 47 BARING FANGS, DRESSED IN WHITE



**UNTIL
THEN,
I CAN'T
LOSE!!!**

FUSATARO
HAS TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR
INSULTING
SAYAMA...

...AND I
HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR
DOUBTING
HER.



ACT 47 BARING FANGS,
DRESSED IN WHITE









...I'LL
TRASH
YOU!

YOU MAY
BE A DŌJI,
BUT IF YOU
GET IN MY
WAY...

GRAB

M...

!









VICE CAN
STEAL
PARDONNER'S
NOH TO HEAL
YOU.

BUT
DON'T
WORRY.

HE'S DUMB,
BUT I'LL
MAKE HIM
DO IT.

LINGH!
LURGH!



HOW FAR
WILL YOU
TAKE THIS?!



...YOU
BROUGHT
THIS ON
YOURSELF.

WITH ALL
THAT TALK
ABOUT
SAYAMA...

NGG
GGG

SPLAT

SPLAT

AAAH
HHH

GGG



...I CAN'T
LOVE YOU
THE WAY
YOU LOVE
ME!

WHATEVER
YOU DO...

NO ONE
ASKED
YOU TO.

TSK,
TSK...

DON'T YOU
UNDER-
STAND?

I WANT
YOU TO
APOLO-
GIZE.

BUT IT'S
ALWAYS
"SAYAMA!
SAYAMA!"

ARE YOU
TRYING TO
HURT MY
FEELINGS?

RUNE
...





IT'S
ABOUT
EGO
VERSUS
EGO.

BUT
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

THE
WORLD
ISN'T
ABOUT
GOOD
VERSUS
EVIL.

...WHOEVER
WINS IS
RIGHT.

WHICH
MEANS
...



IT ALL
JUST CAME
TOGETHER.





...AND
DUNSTAN IS
AN OBSTACLE
WE MUST
OVERCOME.



THAT'S
ALL THIS
IS ABOUT.



NO,
IT'S
NOT.



WE'RE NOT
INTERESTED
IN THE
HUNDRED
MACHINE
FUNERAL
ANYWAY.

NOW LET'S
REATTACH
YOUR ARM
AND HAVE
SUPPER.

EVERYONE
WILL
WELCOME
YOU.



WE JUST
WANT TO BE
HAPPY..



GOOD AND
EVIL *DO*
EXIST.



HUMANITY HAS
ALWAYS SOUGHT
TO DEFINE THEM
AND STRUGGLED
TO LIVE
ACCORDINGLY.

THAT'S WHY
WE HAVE
WORDS
FOR THEM.

...BECAUSE
YAMATO
REACHED THAT
CONCLUSION.

THE PROOF IS
HERE BEFORE
YOUR EYES...







I
REALIZED
...

...THAT WHAT'S
MOST IMPORTANT
IS *FEELING* LIKE
YOU UNDERSTAND.

AY

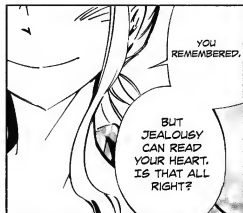


YOICHI
OIZUMI
AND
SERVICE!

I RESTRICTED
JEALOUSY'S
HEART
READING...

...TO A LIMITED
AREA, SO HE
WOULDN'T
DISCERN OUR
INTENTIONS,





*...THAT
WILL DRIVE
ME TO KILL
US BOTH!!!*

*... THE
DELICATE
FLAME OF
JEALOUSY...*







IS IT LIKE
VICE'S?!!

THIS IS
A NEW
KARAKURI
HENGE!!

KARAKURI

A black and white manga-style illustration of a phoenix-like bird, possibly a Houou, in a dynamic pose. The bird is shown from the side, with its wings spread wide, revealing detailed feather patterns. Its long, flowing tail feathers trail behind it. The bird's head is turned back, looking over its shoulder. The background is filled with stylized, angular shapes and motion lines, suggesting a powerful transformation or attack. Two speech bubbles are present: one on the left and one on the right. The overall style is energetic and dramatic.

ULTIMO
FRONTAL
TILL
DAWN!!!

A FULL-
POWER
EVOLUTION
GROUNDED
IN LOVE!



IT'S
PURE
WHITE...

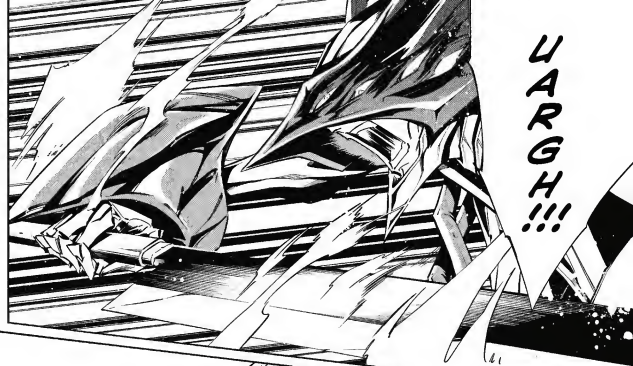
I-CON!!!

YAMATO

GUTTD!!!

GOD ULTIMO
FRONTAL TILL
DAWN!!!

WAS!









YOU WANNA
RUIN THOSE
RIDICULOUS
CLOTHES?

DON'T
EVEN
ASK, K!



HE
THINKS
HE CAN
USE
ME!

KODAIRA
RUNE
DOESN'T
KNOW
IT...

...BUT
I SWIPE
HIS HEART
READING A
LONG TIME
AGO.

SLUMP

I FINALLY
FOUND THE
PERFECT
OUTFIT IN
THIS ERA...

SORRY,
VICE...

HA HA!
HE'S
EXPENDABLE
ANYWAY!



FOR THAT,
HE CAN DIE
MEASURING
ULTIMO'S
POWER FOR
ME!









...BUT
SHE'S A
TRAITOR!

HE BELIEVED
IN SAYAMA
MAKOTO...



I CAN'T
WAIT!

SMASH



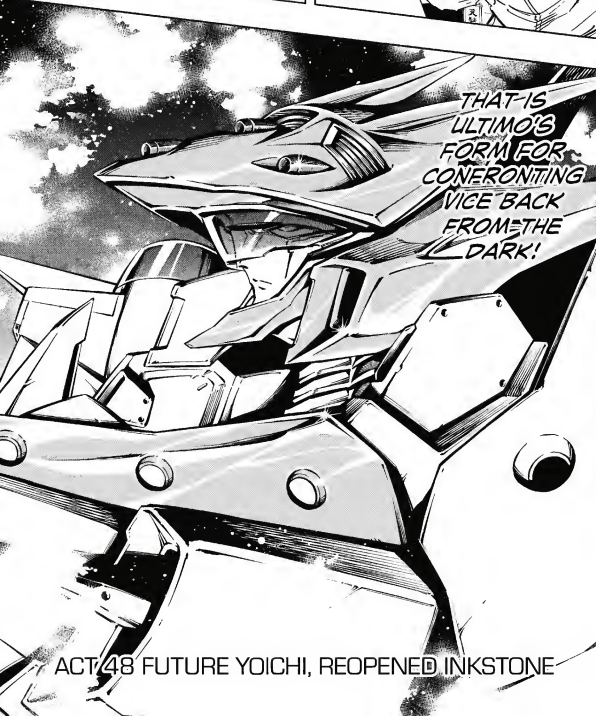
KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO



OOH,
PRETTY!



A DOJ
GAINS
POWER
AS HIS
MASTER'S
HEART
REACHES
NEW
HEIGHTS!



THAT IS
ULTIMO'S
FORM FOR
CONFRONTING
VICE BACK
FROM THE
DARK!

ACT 48 FUTURE YOICHI, REOPENED INKSTONE



GOD
ULTIMO
FRONTAL
TILL
DAWN!!!

ACT 48 FUTURE YOICHI,
REOPENED INKSTONE

THIS
EVOLUTION
...

GUFTD
...

A
MONSTER
RIGHT
AFTER
THE
WAR?!

GYAAH
!!!

HAS YAMATO
AWAKENED
TO TRUE
GOODNESS?!





SO
LET'S
DO
THIS.



YAMATO GOD ULTIMO FRONTAL TIE



GOD
AL TILT DAWN



...BUT
LET'S
FINISH
THIS
LOVE
BATTLE.

WE'VE
BEEN
PUTTING
IT OFF...



TOUGH
TALK FROM
A GUY IN A
LOINCLOTH
...



TRUE
GOODNESS?
I DOUBT IT!

KSHAK



YOU LOVE
EVERYONE
BUT ME!!!









THEY
REALLY
ARE MORE
POWERFUL
!!!

BUT HE
BARELY
TOUCHED
ME!



MASTER!
ON YOUR
RIGHT!





JEALOUSY'S
NOH...

...IS HELPING
THEM JUST
BARELY
DODGE!

WAAH

FWSH

BELOW!

LET'S
GO HELP,
RAGE!!!

THEY'RE ON
THE ROPES!
ONE PUNCH
AND THEY'RE
OUT!!

おでん

!

WAIT,
FUSATARO.

YOU
MUSTN'T
INTERRUPT
A LOVE
BATTLE.

I'M
SURPRISED...

...AT HOW MUCH
YOU **CARE**
ABOUT YOUR
COMRADES.



AFTER ALL,
ANGER IS
A JUST
RESPONSE TO
INJUSTICE.

I'M *NOT*
SURPRISED.



HUNH
?!



...IS BORN
OF HIS
LOVE FOR
MUSIC.

...

FUSSA
FUSATARO'S
RAGE...



...TO
EVOLVE
LIKE
YAMATO.

I
WANT...



...AND
MAKE HIM
JOIN US!

I'LL
FIGHT
HIM...



WE'LL LOSE
TOO MUCH
POWER!

I CAN'T,
MASTER.

JEALOUS



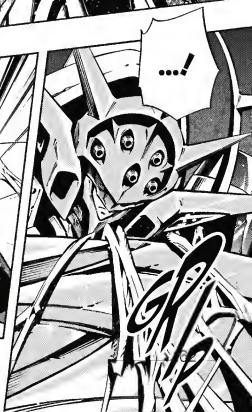


...
CATALPA
BOW
STRING!!

SPIDER-
WEB...

ARGH!

WASH





BE
THAT
AS IT
MAY...

HA!

READING
HEARTS
DRAINS
POWER?

...
WE'LL
WIN
THIS
WITH
BRUTE
FORCE
!!!



RENE



NOW
I CAN
HOLD
YOU.

...AND
I WON'T
LET YOU
GO.



I'LL BE
HONEST,
RUNE...

PLIP
Drip

YAMATO
...?

...I'VE
NEVER
BELIEVED
IN ANYONE.

I THINK
MAYBE...





SHE ALWAYS
HAD OTHERS
BABYSIT, SO
I LEARNED TO
BE CAUTIOUS.

MY DAD LEFT
WHEN I WAS
LITTLE AND
MY MOM IS
MESSED UP.
WAS RE



...BUT
PEOPLE
ADOPT
ATTITUDES
TO AVOID
CONFLICT.

THEY
WEREN'T
SO BAD...



I PRETENDED
TO BE HAPPY
TO HIDE MY
FEELINGS.

SO
I DID
TOO.



...YOU
FOUND
YOUR WAY
INTO MY
HEART.

BUT
KODAIRA
RUNE:...



...BUT YOU
BROKE
DOWN MY
DEFENSES.

MAYBE
IT WAS
BECAUSE
OF OUR
PAST
LIVES...







...IS FOR
BOTH
BOYS
AND
GIRLS.

AND
GIVING...

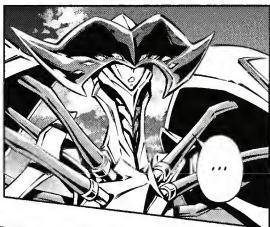
PERHAPS
THAT IS
THE WAY TO
PERMANENT
VICTORY?

GIVING.

SO I'VE
DECIDED
TO GIVE.

READING
HIS HEART
WEAKENS
US.

THIS IS
WHAT I
MEANT.



...AGARI
YAMATO
LOVES
YOU
FROM
THE
BOTTOM
OF HIS
HEART.

THAT IS
BECAUSE...







YAMA-
T000
!!!



NOT SO
FAST.





WHAT A
SPLENDID
FORM OF
LOVE!
NOW I
KNOW WHY
ULTIMO
EVOLVED.

"GIVING,"
HUH?



YAMATO-
SAMA!

NONETHELESS,
WILL YOU STILL
LOVE ME,
YAMATO?

BUT THAT'S
A REALIZATION
I CAN'T LET YOU
REMEMBER...

...SO I'LL
ERASE IT.

YES...

...OF
COURSE!



KARAKURIDÔJI
ULTIMO

CHARACTER DATA COMPILATION

KARAKURI ILLUSTRATED PROFILES

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GOD SOPHIA

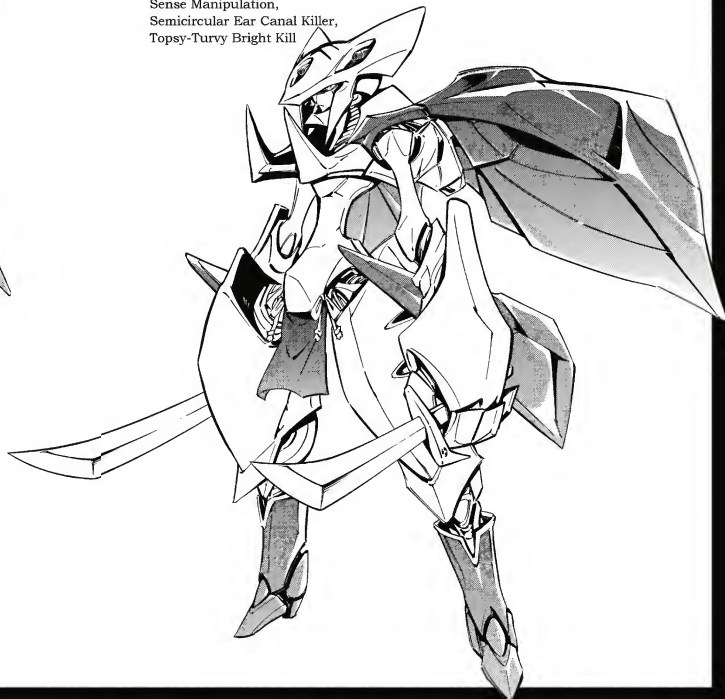
ゴッド ソフィア

GOD TIGER

The good karakuri dōji who embodies wisdom in the Six Perfections. His wisdom consists in devising solutions and making decisions. His theme color is light yellow. His karakuri henge are based on tigers.

Powers:

Sense Manipulation,
Semicircular Ear Canal Killer,
Topsy-Turvy Bright Kill



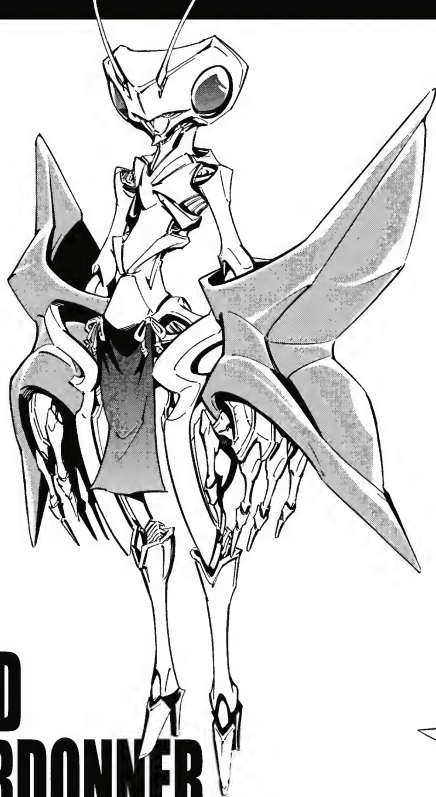
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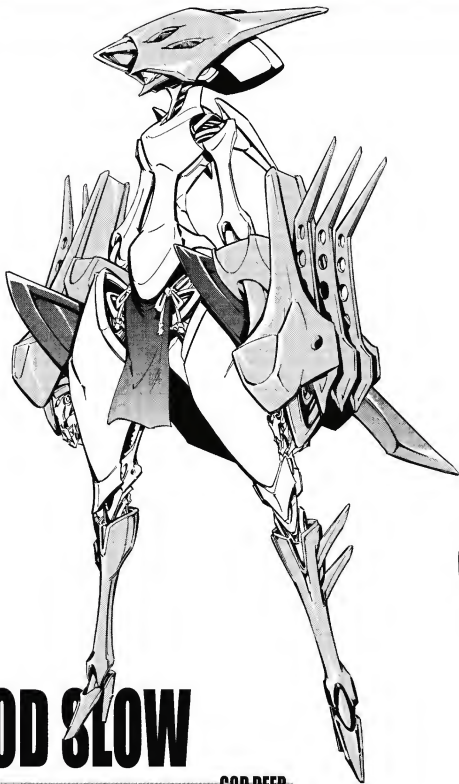
ゴッド パルドネ

GOD BUTTERFLY

The good karakuri dōji who embodies patience in the Six Perfections. His wisdom consists in withstanding insult and having an undisturbed heart. His theme color is light aqua blue. His karakuri henge are based on butterflies.

Powers: Corporeal Control, Illusionary Fivefold Butterfly





GOD SLOW

ゴッド スロウ

GOD DEER

The good karakuri dōji who embodies diligence in the Six Perfections. His diligence consists in spiritual dedication and steadily applying himself toward good. His theme color is jet black. His karakuri henge are based on deer.

Powers: Fate Manipulation, Deer's Luck Fortune

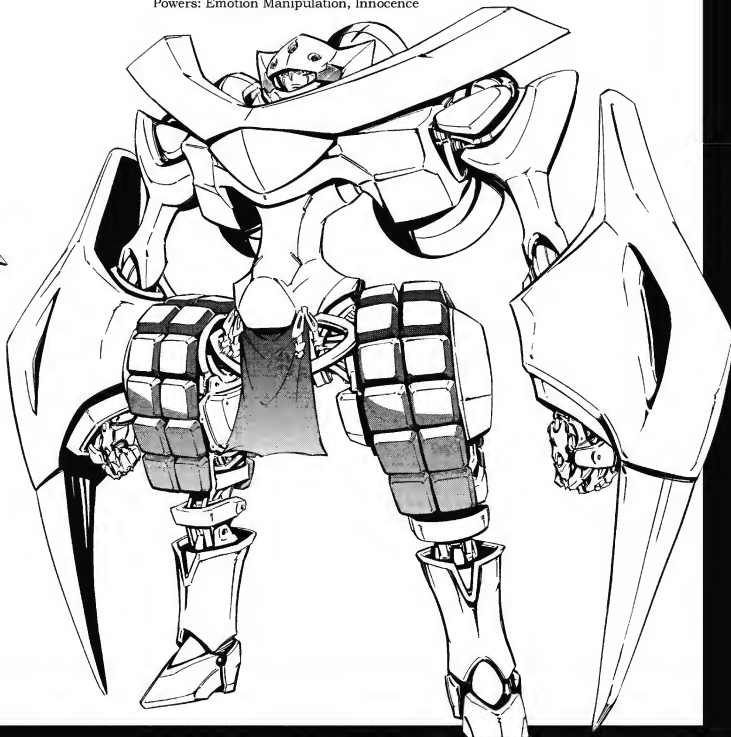
GOD GAUGE

ゴッド ゴーグ

GOD BOAR

The good karakuri dōji who embodies contemplation in the Six Perfections. His contemplation consists in discerning the truth, focusing his spirit, and achieving a calm state of mind. His theme color is chestnut. His karakuri henge are based on boars.

Powers: Emotion Manipulation, Innocence





DEMON RAGE

オーガ レイジ

DEMON COW

The evil karakuri dōji who embodies wrath in the Seven Deadly Sins. His wrath consists in becoming extremely angry. His theme color is azure. His karakuri henge are based on cows.

Powers: Raging Thunder, Raging Spear

GOD SERVICE

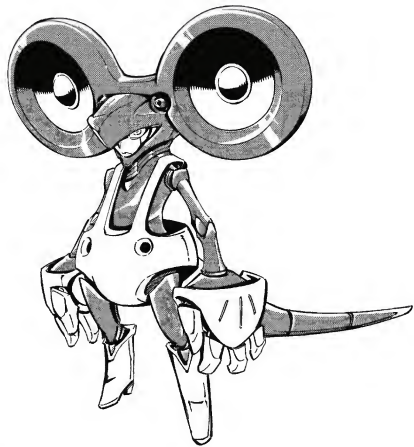
ゴッド セルヴィス

GOD SPARROW

The good karakuri dōji who embodies generosity in the Six Perfections. His generosity consists in having a compassionate heart, performing acts of charity, and teaching. His theme color is sky blue. His karakuri henge are based on sparrows.

Powers:
Power Manipulation,
Jackknife,
Jackhammer





DEMON AVARO

オーガ アバロ

DEMON MOUSE

The evil karakuri dôji who embodies avarice in the Seven Deadly Sins. His avarice consists in greediness. His theme color is gray. His karakuri henge are based on mice.

Powers: Void Star, Pyramid Scheme, Income Wall Blade, Soundwave Cold Blade

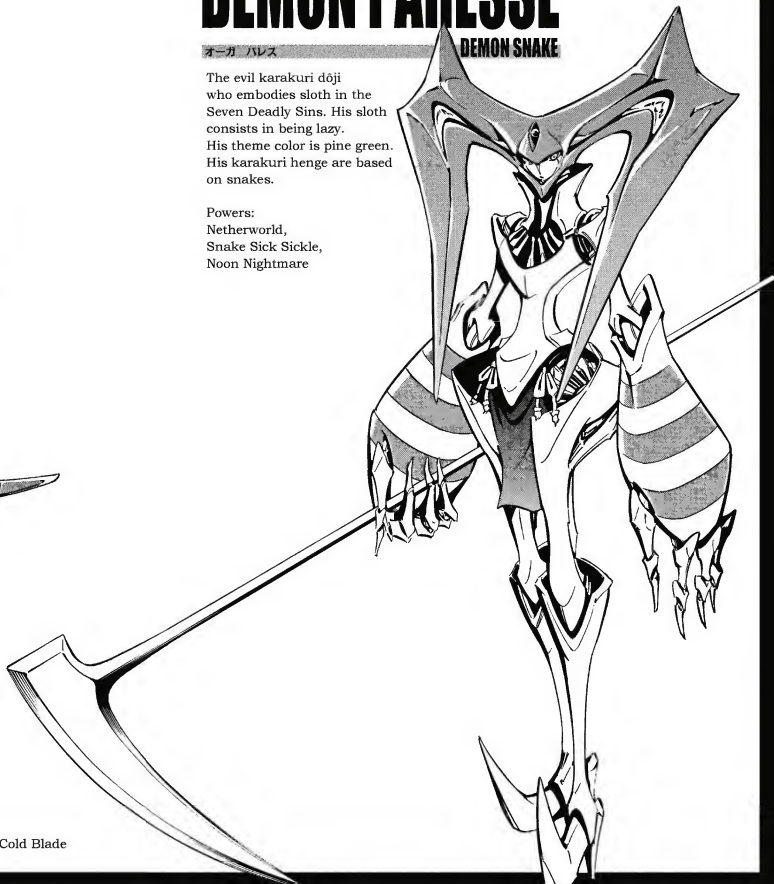
DEMON PARESSE

オーガ パレス

DEMON SNAKE

The evil karakuri dôji who embodies sloth in the Seven Deadly Sins. His sloth consists in being lazy. His theme color is pine green. His karakuri henge are based on snakes.

Powers:
Netherworld,
Snake Sick Sickle,
Noon Nightmare





DEMON EATER

オーガ エデレ

DEMON BEAR

The evil karakuri dōji who embodies gluttony in the Seven Deadly Sins. His gluttony consists in eating too much. His theme color is light purple. His karakuri henge are based on bears.

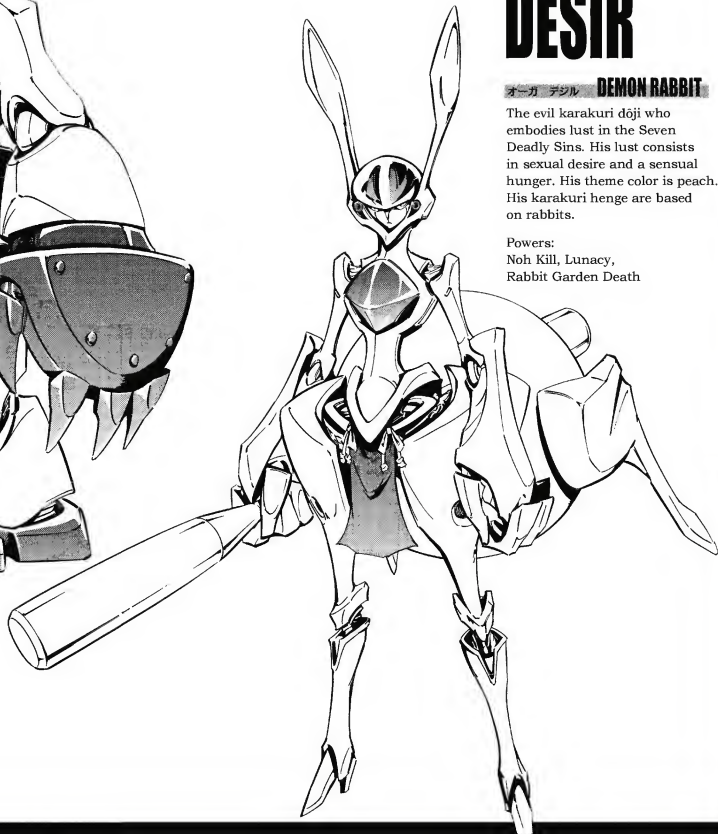
Powers: Kumade Circus, Force Slap

DEMON DÉSIR

オーガ デジル **DEMON RABBIT**

The evil karakuri dōji who embodies lust in the Seven Deadly Sins. His lust consists in sexual desire and a sensual hunger. His theme color is peach. His karakuri henge are based on rabbits.

Powers:
Noh Kill, Lunacy,
Rabbit Garden Death



STAN LEE

As a kid, Stanley Martin Lieber spent a lot of time dreaming up wild adventures. By the time he got to high school, he was putting his imagination to work writing stories at Timely, a publishing company that went on to become the legendary Marvel Comics. Starting with the *Fantastic Four*, Lee and his partner Jack Kirby created just about every superhero you can think of, including *Spider-Man*, the *X-Men*, the *Hulk*, *Iron Man*, *Daredevil* and *Thor*. Along the way, he wrote under many pen names, but the one that stuck was Stan Lee.

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STAN LEE

Listen up, my brave brigadiers! While you've been eagerly following the wild adventures of Ultimo, let me give you a tantalizing taste of the other far-out projects we've got for you from your pals at POW! Entertainment.

For starters, don't you dare miss the marvelous *Mighty 7* on the Hub Network, featuring Yours Truly in my very first starring role. And, lucky you, the DVD is available wherever great DVDs are sold!

And for your younger brothers and sisters, the good ol' Stan Lee's Kids Universe has some spectacular new stories such as the far-out adventures of Dex T-Rex, everyone's favorite dinosaur!

But hey, don't think we've just been resting on our laurels! Together with Disney Publishing, we've got a great new illustrated novel called *The Zodiac Legacy*, which is so amazing you'll have to read it to believe it!!

And, of course, Stan Lee's World of Heroes always has something wild for you to marvel at on the wondrous web as we give you a chance to see what ticks me off in the feature that only I would dare to do—the humongous Stan's Rants! So make sure to subscribe so you'll never miss a rollickin' rant!

And here's more big news! *Stan Lee's Superhumans* on History Channel 2 (H2) is such a big hit that it's starting its third season! Miss it at your own risk!

And hey, not only is your Generalissimo prepping for the upcoming Stan Lee's Comikaze Expo in October, but he was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch at the San Francisco Giants Heroes and Comics Night!

Plus, I'm sure you all know that I'll be giving away the first ever Stan Lee Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Geekies!

Well, that's it for now. I mean, a fella has to slow down sometime, right? But you True Believers keep a lookout for more of my scene-stealing movie cameos while you never forget to keep moving upward and onward to greater glory!

Excelsior!
Your man Stan

